

GOOD ADVICE.

Old "Major Jack Downing" has turned up again in a recent letter to the New York *Day Book*; he makes the following allusion to the late defeat of the "Democratic Party," which it would be well to lay to heart:

"Things are now just as bad as they kin be, and that is what encourages me. I shall never forget Hezekiah Stebbins, who lived up in the upper part of Penobscot. One winter it had been awful cold weather, and 'Kiah had had wonderful bad luck, and towards spring it seemed to get worse instead of better. He had lost his horse and his cow, and his chickens, and all his pigs but one. Finally that died, and the next day I happened to go up to his house to see how he was getting along. I found old man happy as a lark. He was singin' and shoutin' as if nothing had happen'd. When I went in see I, 'Kiah, what on earth is the matter?' 'Oh,' says he, 'the last pig is dead,' and he went to jumpin' and clappin' his hands as if he was the happiest man in the universe. See I, 'what possesses you to act so?' 'Wal,' says he, 'things can't be no wus. The last pig is dead; anything that happens now must be for the better.' And just so it is with the Democratic party. Anything now that happens to it must be for the better. And I must confess that I feel a good deal like 'Kiah; I don't feel at all like settin' down and cryin' like a sick baby over split milk, because we've been whip in the late elections. That ain't the way old General Hickory Jackson taught me Democracy."

We do not think there is much "ridiculous presumption" in saying that the Democracy mean to control the next Presidential election. With 254,000 untrifurried to start with in Pennsylvania, over 300,000 in New York, 187,000 in Ohio, besides a half million or more certain in the other "loyal" States, it strikes us that the idea by no means far-fetched or presumptuous. So far from thinking so, without regard to the number of "necks" that the administration may consign to the halter between this and the next Presidential election, we repeat the declaration that the Democracy mean to control the next Presidential election, and that Mr. Abraham Lincoln's term will expire on the 4th of March, 1865, by limitation of the Constitution and the consent of the people.

If we had any doubt of this, we should feel sadder to-day than we do, being well convinced that the continuance in power of the present administration, or party, must necessarily result in the destruction of the Republic. We hazard nothing in expressing this opinion.

The decrees of God are immutable—and He has decreed that the reign of the wicked shall be short.—*Harrisburg Union*.

Every day we hear the Abolitionists say—"Slavery is the cause of the war; if there were no slaves there would be no war, and therefore we must wipe it out." That is to say, if you owned a horse, and we threaten and make war on you to take it away, that therefore the horse is the cause of the war, and not our own act in thus making war on him. How absurd the premises! But it is also further to say, because you do own the horse against which we have intrusively made war, that therefore it is necessary that you should wipe him out, or, less politely, steal him.

What unrighteous doctrine! Now, the cause of the war is not slavery, as asserted by these Abolitionists, any more than the horse was in the parallel case. But the horse and slavery, as will be seen, are but incidents in the war, and both are alike secondary to the cause. What, then, is the cause of the war? The cause of the war lies in the act of the fanatics and Abolitionists in agitating, threatening and making war on slavery. Thus, it is not slavery or the horse, that makes war, as above, but it is the parties against them who make war.—*Exchange*.

In a letter which Senator Douglas wrote to S. S. Hayes, Esq., dated Washington, Oct. 29, 1860, he says:

"Many of the Republican leaders desire a dissolution of the Union, and urge war as a means of accomplishing disunion."

And in another letter of the same date, addressed to Hon. John Taylor, he says:

"We are now drifting rapidly into civil war, which must end in destruction. This can only be prevented by amendments to the Constitution, which will take the slaves out of Congress, and put an end to strife. Whether this can be done depends upon the Republicans. Many of their leaders DESIRE DISSOLUTION ON PARTY GROUNDS, AND HERE IS THE DIFFICULTY. God grant us a safe deliverance, is my prayer."

"War Democrats"—When the radicals praise a man for being a "War Democrat," says Louisville *Journal*, they do not mean a Democrat who is in favor of the war, but a Democrat who is in favor of the radical aim and management of the war—a Democrat, in short who supports the radical ticket. They mean such a Democrat as Benjamin F. Butler or Andrew Johnson, or Robert Dale Owen. In a word, the phrase "War Democrat" in the mouths of the radicals is merely another form of expression for abolitionized Democrats. And this the public now comprehend. Hence the phrase has lost whatever power to deceive it may have once possessed. It is fast becoming a name of opprobrium and of weakness instead of a name of power. The radicals have disgraced it, as they disgrace or tend to disgrace everything else they touch.

The *Verdict of History*.—By Parton's Life of General Butler, just published, it appears that Gen. McClellan is entitled to all the credit for laying down the plan of operations in the Southwest. The military genius and foresight of this able but greatly wounded officer, are admirably and undeniably exhibited in the orders under which Gen. Butler went to New Orleans.

Our exchange says: While traveling recently in a neighboring State, we received in change a silver three cent piece. We were of course surprised, but kept discreetly until the raising of the right, having first closed the blinds and secured the door, we took out the precious coin to indulge in a good look at its shining face, when we discovered that it was bogus.

How we printer's lie, as our devil said when he got up too late for breakfast.

Valuation and Assessment for 1864.

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed the 17th day of July, 1842, the following State-ment is hereby published by the Commissioners of Adams County, which exhibits the amount, description and value of the Real and Personal Property, Trades, Occupations and Professions, made taxable by the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth:

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